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FOR PAYEFF

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: OCCUPATION OF USIS OFFICES

1. AT ABOUT 0400 THIS MORNING (28TH) USIS OFFICES WERE TAKEN OVER BY WHAT SEEMS TO BE A PROTEST GROUP.
2. APAO VISITED OFFICES AT 0700 AND OBSERVED SIGNS PASTED ALL OVER WINDOWS AND FRONT FENCE CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICANS, ATTACKING CIA AND US GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL. USIS WAS NOT REFERRED TO NOR WERE ANY MISSION EMPLOYEES IN EVIDENCE.
3. OFFICES ARE BEING GUARDED BY TWO ARMED PL SOLDIERS WITH ONE PROTESTOR SITTING IN THE BLOCKED DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE AREA HOLDING A WALKIE TALKIE. APAO WAS TOLD THAT USIS EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO WORK AND THAT PROPERTY COULD NOT BE REMOVED.

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4. APAO THEN REQUESTED PERMISSION AND WAS ALLOWED TO

ENTER THE BUILDING AREA TO LOOK AROUND. EVERYTHING ON THE FIRST FLOOR IS LOCKED UP WHILE THE SECOND FLOOR, FROM WHICH ALL MATERIAL BUT A FEW AIR CONDITIONERS HAD BEEN REMOVED YESTERDAY, WAS OPENED. UPON INQUIRY THE APAO WAS TOLD BY THE PL SOLDIER THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ORDERED THIS FACILITY CLOSED AND THE PROPERTY NOW BELONGED TO IT. LATER THE ONE PROTESTOR SAID THE OBJECTIVE " WAS TO CLOSE USIS" AND, IN RESPONSE TO THE REMARK THAT THIS WAS PART OF THE EMBASSY AND THAT THE APAO WAS AN EMBASSY OFFICER, SAID "TAKE IT UP WITH THE GOVERNMENT."

5. NO EMPLOYEES REMAIN IN THE FACILITY AND NO OVERT HOSTILITY TOWARD THIS OFFICER WAS EVIDENCED. THIS ACTION IS PART OF THE BIGGER PICTURE WHICH INVOLVED THE OCCUPATION OF THE EMBASSY GSO COMPOUND EARLIER THIS MORNING.

6. BNC HAS NOT BEEN TOUCHED.

7. MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOLLOWS IN STATE CHANNELS.
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